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Academic Positions

Assistant Professor of Economics, 2025-
Department of Humanities and Social Sciences,
Indian Institute of Technology Delhi

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, 2023-2025
Department of Economics and Centre for Modern Indian Studies (CeMIS),
University of Göttingen

Education

PhD in Health Economics, 2023
Department of Population, Family, and Reproductive Health,
Bloomberg School of Public Health, Johns Hopkins University

Dissertation: “Gender Differences in Time Use Among Parents in Rural Bangladesh: Do Four Hours of Free Daycare Matter?”

MSc Economics and Finance, 2014
Barcelona Graduate School of Economics,
Universitat Pompeu Fabra

MA Economics, 2011
Delhi School of Economics,
University of Delhi

BSc Economics (Hons), 2009
Presidency College,
University of Calcutta

Other Work Experience

Short-term Consultant, 2019-2022
World Bank, Washington D.C.

Health Systems Research Consultant, 2016-2018
Oxford Policy Management, New Delhi

Senior Research Associate, 2015-2016
International Centre for Research on Women, New Delhi

Research Fellow, 2012-2013
International Water Management Institute-Tata Policy Program, Gujarat

Short-term Consultant, 2014-2016
World Bank, New Delhi

Economics Research Consultant, 2011-2012
Asian Development Bank, New Delhi

Publications *Journal Articles*

Lamba, Sneha, Jed Friedman and Eeshani Kandpal. 2025. “Impact of Performance-Based Financing Interventions on Health-Worker Motivation and Satisfaction: Experimental Evidence from Six Countries.” *Health Policy and Planning*.
doi: [10.1093/heapol/czaf035](https://doi.org/10.1093/heapol/czaf035)

Lamba, Sneha and Robert Moffitt. 2025. “The Rise in American Pain: The Importance of the Great Recession”. *Health Economics*.
doi: <https://doi.org/10.1002/hec.4971>

Anglewicz, Philip, **Sneha Lamba**, Illiana Kohler, James Mwera, Andrew Zulu, and Hans-Peter Kohler. 2023. “Is Experience of the HIV/AIDS Epidemic Associated with Responses to COVID-19? Evidence from the Rural Malawi.” *PLOS ONE* 18(10): e0292378.
doi: [10.1371/journal.pone.0292378](https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0292378)

Lamba, Sneha, Carrie Wolfson, Carolina Cardona, Y. Natalia Alfonso, Alison Gemmill, Beth Resnick, Jonathon P. Leider, J. Mac McCullough, and David Bishai. 2022. “Past Local Government Health Spending Was Not Correlated with COVID-19 Control in US Counties.” *SSM - Population Health* 17:101027. doi: [10.1016/j.ssmph.2022.101027](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssmph.2022.101027)

Bishai, David M., Beth Resnick, **Sneha Lamba**, Carolina Cardona, Jonathon P. Leider, J. Mac McCullough, and Alison Gemmill. 2022. “Being Accountable for Capability— Getting Public Health Reform Right This Time.” *American Journal of Public Health* e1–5.
doi: [10.2105/AJPH.2022.306975](https://doi.org/10.2105/AJPH.2022.306975)

Acharya, Arnab, Carrie Wolfson, Sasmira Matta, Carolina Cardona, **Sneha Lamba**, and David Bishai. 2021 “The Role of Public Health Expenditures in COVID-19 Control: Evidence from Local Governments in England.” *SSM - Population Health* 15:100861. doi: [10.1016/j.ssmph.2021.100861](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssmph.2021.100861)

Spears, Dean and **Sneha Lamba**. 2016 “Effects of Early-Life Exposure to Sanitation on Childhood Cognitive Skills.” *Journal of Human Resources* 51(2). doi: [10.3368/jhr.51.2.0712-5051R1](https://doi.org/10.3368/jhr.51.2.0712-5051R1)

Lamba, Sneha and Dean Spears. 2013. “Caste, ‘Cleanliness’ and Cash: Effects of Caste-Based Political Reservations in Rajasthan on a Sanitation Prize.” *The Journal of Development Studies* 49(11):1592–1606. doi: [10.1080/00220388.2013.828835](https://doi.org/10.1080/00220388.2013.828835).

Book Chapters

Hasan, Rana, **Sneha Lamba**, and and Abhijit Sen Gupta. 2015. “Growth, Structural Change and Poverty Reduction”. In *Labour, Employment and Economic Growth in India*, edited by K. V. Ramaswamy, 91–126. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Revise and Resubmit

“In a Matter of Four Hours: Effect of Access to Free Daycare on Parental Time Use in Rural Bangladesh”. (with Abdulgafoor Bachani, Al-Amin Bhuyian, AKM Fazlur Rahman, and David Bishai)

Under Review

“The Effect of COVID-19 on Fertility in India: Evidence from NFHS-5” (with Aparajita Dasgupta and Gby Atee)”

Manuscripts in Progress

“Gender Differences in Time Use Among Couples in Rural Bangladesh: Does Women’s Decision-Making Autonomy Play a Role?”

“How Does Having a Son Influence Contraceptive Method Choice: Evidence from the India Human Development Panel”.

“Can Conditional Cash Transfers Affect Educational Time Investments: Evidence from Kanyashree in India” (with Prabal K. De)

“Bivariate Relative Poverty Line for Income and Time Poverty: Application to the Indian Time Use Survey” (with Franciska Dorn)

Reports

Bangladesh Country Review for the BMGF Report on *How Macroeconomic Policy Can Harness Time Use to Promote Productivity and Well-being* (Upcoming)

OPM. (2018). *Improving H.A.B.I.T: Households’ Attitudes and Behaviours to Increase Toilet Use* (with Ruhi Saith, Shruti Vishwanathan, Sarthak Joshi, Nikita Purty, Saugato Datta, and John Harris).

ICRW (2016). *Making Change with Cash? Impact of a Conditional Cash Transfer Program on Age of Marriage in India* (with Priya Nanda, Nitin Datta, Elina Pradhan, and Priya Das)

ICRW (2016). *Making Change with Cash? Impact of a Conditional Cash Transfer Program on Girls' Education in India* (with Priya Nanda, Nitin Datta, Elina Pradhan, and Priya Das)

Teaching

Indian Institute of Technology Delhi
Research Seminar in Economics

University of Göttingen
Economic Reform and Social Justice in India
Introduction to Sustainable Development Studies
Introduction of Global Health
Essentials of Global Health

Professional Service

Member: Population Association of America, International Union for the Scientific Study of Population, Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Sciences, International Health Economics Association, International Association for Time Use Reserach

Referring: Journal of Health Economics, American Journal of Preventive Medicine (AJPM) Focus, PLoS One, Social Science and Medicine

Conferences

Development Economics Seminar, University of Göttingen, 2024
Workshop on Socio-economic Inequality in India, University of Göttingen, 2024
Conference on Issues in Economic Theory and Policy, Presidency University, 2024
International Association of Time Use Research Conference, 2023
Population Association of America Annual Meeting, 2019, 2021, 2022
International Association of Population Health Sciences Annual Meeting, 2019
International Health Economists Association Congress, 2021

Languages

Bengali (Native speaker), English (Native), Hindi (Native)

Software

STATA, R, LaTeX, ArcGIS

Fieldwork

Manohardi (Bangladesh), Bihar (India), Gujarat (India), and Haryana (India)

References

On request

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